

FEARS SCANDAL IN  
RANKS OF G. O. P.

Washington, D. C., April 12.—Fearing a scandal in the ranks of their party, Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, and other Republicans of progressive leanings are awaiting the answer of Major-General Leonard Wood to published charges that a group of millionaires have undertaken the "underwriting" of a million-dollar Wood campaign fund, to be used before the Chicago convention.

Senator Borah asserts that "it is nothing less than a national peril that two months before the convention the use of money in the attempt to control the convention has reached the point of a scandal. For weeks these charges have been made and made by men who profess to know the facts. That a vast sum of money is being spent is perfectly apparent."

Other Senators, including Senator Kenyon, Republican, of Iowa, are understood to be anxiously awaiting a definite answer from General Wood and his managers. That the attention of the Senate may be called to the charges unless such answer is satisfactory is reported at the Capital.

"This is not the time to trifle with public opinion," said Senator Borah. "Men who put up vast sums of money for a candidate are believed by the public to have an ulterior selfish motive. It is not the act of beneficence altogether. If a man contributes \$100,000 to a man's campaign fund, it is generally believed that somewhere along the line he expects return. The Republican party cannot go into this campaign with any hope of success with any candidate, whether General Wood or someone else, whose nomination has been brought about by a brutal and shameless use of money."

## MATTER WITH AMERICA

The Palmyra, Mo., Spectator compiles the following data, all of which is afflicting this country:

What's the matter with America these days?

Too many diamonds, not enough alarm clocks.

Too many silk shirts, not enough blue flannel ones.

Too many pointed-toe shoes, and not enough square-toed ones.

Too many serge suits and not enough overalls.

Too much décolleté and not enough aprons.

Too many satin upholstered limousines and not enough cows.

Too many consumers and not enough producers.

Too much oil stock and not enough savings accounts.

Too much envy of the result of hard work and too little desire to emulate it.

Too many desiring short cuts to wealth and too few willing to pay the price.

Too much of the spirit of "Get while the getting is good" and not enough old-fashioned Christianity.

Too much discontent that vents itself in mere complaining and too little real effort to remedy conditions.

Too much class consciousness and too little common democracy and love of humanity.—Exchange.

The Spectator might have gone a little further and said that there were too few Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps or Treasury Savings Certificates in the possession of the individuals of our country.

It is said that Republican leaders are counting on the women's vote in the south to break the solid Democratic line-up. The world is full of people who count their chickens before they are hatched.—Thayer News.

SAM B. COOK ALWAYS  
FOR PARTY HARMONY

Jefferson City, Mo., April 10.—Only Democrats who have no factional feeling should be selected as delegates to the Democratic National Convention at San Francisco, is the opinion voiced by State Senator Sam B. Cook in an open letter he has just sent the Capital News of this city, and which was published a day or two ago in that Democratic morning daily. After commending Representative Champ Clark for remaining at his post in Congress, Senator Cook declares he will not permit the use of his own name by the convention for delegate-at-large, Congressional District Delegate, or in any other capacity. Mr. Cook further emphasizes that it is the duty of Missouri Democrats from now on to subordinate all personal ambition and factional feeling for the general party good. The letter in question follows:

"Democrats generally will heartily commend Hon. Champ Clark for the position he takes in connection with his going as a delegate to our National Convention. No man would do greater honor to Missouri as a delegate in our National Convention than this great Democratic leader. But as Mr. Clark well says, his duties are in Congress and he will not neglect them in order to attend the National Convention.

"There are other Missouri Democrats who would do well to emulate Mr. Clark's example. Not only should no Democrat desert his post of duty to seek convention honors, but no Democrat, under existing party conditions in this State, should permit the use of his name for either delegate-at-large or district delegate, whose candidacy would create factional party differences.

"I do not believe Senator Reed will permit the use of his name as a candidate for either delegate-at-large or district delegate when he fully understands the overwhelming sentiment of his party in its approval of the treaty to insure world-wide peace. Holding the views he does, Senator Reed could not consistently be a delegate to our National Convention. Under existing party conditions, his hostile opposition to the policy of our national Democratic administration would cause such discord at the Joplin convention as would be of the gravest concern to Democrats and greatly encourage Republican party managers. For this reason many Democrats who have formerly supported Senator Reed in all his political aspirations, feel confident he will not permit the use of his name as a candidate for delegate this year.

"But what is true as to Senator Reed also applies to any Democrat whose candidacy for delegate would create hurtful factional differences at Joplin. I can consistently say this because I have said to party friends who have asked me to be a candidate for delegate to our National Convention that I would not permit the use of my name. The duty of Missouri Democrats, as I see it, is to subordinate personal ambition and factional feeling for the general party good. By such course we can sweep Missouri this fall for our national and state tickets.

"SAM B. COOK."

The Republicans have introduced a resolution in the House a joint resolution declaring the war at an end, and they hope to carry it over the President's veto. But what's the use of crying "Peace, Peace" when a Republican Congress refuses to permit a Democratic President to make terms of peace?—Canton Press.

## A SUMMONS TO GOOD CITIZENS

We are living under a democratic form of government, and in the last analysis, it is the attitude of good citizens and every other right-minded person, which will determine whether or not a tremendously effective work in stamping out social disease is to be wasted. The work begun by the Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service and passed on to the various States in the campaign for the suppression of organized prostitution and the stamping out of venereal diseases, is one of the greatest strides ever made or undertaken by the nation for the betterment of health and social conditions.

## Fight Must Be Kept Up.

The work in Missouri is being directed by Dr. R. L. Russell, Passed Assistant Surgeon of the U. S. Public Health Service, co-operating with the Missouri State Board of Health, and the fight to eliminate the "Red Menace" of venereal diseases, must as a result of the campaign started for a clean army, be kept up and conducted more and more as a strictly civilian agency, official and unofficial. Private citizens should lend aid to civic organizations and public officials. This means nothing more nor less than that the future effectiveness of the campaign against venereal diseases in this history-making crisis is squarely up to the great public as a whole. The constructive work of the future in this campaign against vice and prostitution, both public and private, the source of venereal diseases, must be done in co-operation with, and by the help of private citizens.

## The Law Is Plain

Missouri's new venereal disease law is plain. It makes it the duty of the state, county and municipal officers or their authorized agent within their respective jurisdiction to act when in their judgment it is necessary for the public health, to make examinations of persons convicted for sex offenses and to detain such persons until the results of such examinations are known.

Syphilis is declared to be a family disease in Russia, and largely responsible for that country's decline as a nation. Do we want the United States, and particularly Missouri, to be menaced by such conditions as present themselves in Russia? Efforts of the Public Service and co-operation of the public in the work it is doing at this time, will accomplish the aim and serve the end in view—the stamping out of venereal diseases.

PLANTING SOY BEANS IN  
CARROLL COUNTY CORN

Soybeans will be planted in corn this year by a large number of Carroll county farmers if they can find the beans for seed. The acreage to be planted is limited by the available seed supply and, as County Agent Fuchs says, "everyone seems to be making a scramble for it, which is increasing the price materially. The price of soybeans has raised \$2.50 a bushel in the last three weeks."

BETTER OUTLOOK FOR SHEEP  
IN RIPLEY COUNTY

Sheep raisers in Ripley county are planning to ship co-operatively all their cull stuff this summer and introduce new rams. D. A. Spencer of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, who visited the county to demonstrate best methods of docking and castrating, found the sheep men very much interested in co-operative wool marketing. They are now planning a pool for later wool shipments.

MISSOURI WEEKLY  
INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

It is our highest patriotic duty to help save our country from the increasing tides of discontent that are sweeping over the nation.

April 12. Galena.—Corner stone laid for Stone county's new court house.

Gallatin.—Farmers Exchange Bank passed \$1,000,000 total assets.

Burlington Junction.—First National Bank opens to public in new modern home.

Appleton City.—New storage oil station to be erected here.

Bethany.—Coal discovered near here.

Joplin.—Potatoes retailing here for \$5 per bushel.

Webb City.—Prospect for apple crop in this vicinity unusually good.

South Joplin.—Company plans erection of \$50,000 plant doubling capacity.

Jefferson City.—1919 State inheritance tax totaled \$1,408, 174.35.

Kansas City.—Bank clearings for March totaled \$1,186,716,037. Same period 1919, \$826,567,335, increase of 43 per cent in past 12 months.

Holden.—The Progress to move into new quarters and install new Scott Cylinder press and up-to-date folder.

Charges that organized labor is standing in way of free and unrestricted training of wounded veterans of the world war were made before the House education committee during investigation of bureau of vocational education.

Louisiana.—Up-to-date ice cream factory to be erected here.

Joplin.—Building permits issued during March totaled \$50,000. 400 per cent increase over last few months.

King City.—Farmers produce house opens here.

Parma to have electric light system.

Neosho.—Local business men organize company to drill for oil in Benton township.

Jasper.—Drilling for lead on Maxwell farm south of city.

Courtney.—Contract let for grading one mile road running north of city.

St. Joseph.—Contract let for new deep well to supply Swift & Co. plant with water. Cost \$35,000.

Kansas City.—Company organized to construct and operate \$1,600,000 10-story community hotel.

Alton.—Odd Fellows purchase site for two-story brick building.

St. Louis.—Buick Motor Company plans to erect \$2,500,000 assembly plant here.

Lilbourn.—New planing mill installs machinery to begin operating at once.

Boonville.—Prospects for peach crop best in years.

Kansas City.—K. C. Pump Company buys adjoining building for \$27,000 to expand.

North Kansas City.—Hooven & Allison Rope Manufacturing Co. increasing capital to \$6,000,000.

Skidmore.—20 acres adjoining city sells for \$750 per acre.

The employee who does not realize that his own best welfare lies in the promotion of the prosperity of the business which gives him employment is nursing a false philosophy of business life.

Kansas City.—Premier Tire & Rubber Co. enlarging factory and increasing capital.

Kansas City.—Two motor agencies

buy sites for 2-story buildings.

Adrian.—Gas discovered four miles north while drilling well, depth 40 feet.

St. Louis.—Frisco Railway to expend \$1,000,000 for improvements between this city and Springfield.

Columbia.—\$75,000 bond issue for Boone county hospital carried.

Williamsville.—Great activities in iron industry here; large mine to be developed. \$100,000 washer to be erected and smelter planned.

Puxico.—Over \$7,000 paid out for chickens here the past week.

Puxico.—Oil struck in Vernon county at 200 feet while drilling for water.

Kansas City.—Twinval Silo Manufacturing Co. buys \$14,500 site for factory here.

Puxico.—Drilling for oil in Perry county.

Tilman.—\$10,000 hotel planned for this city.

Advance.—Drilling for oil near here.

Kansas City.—New tire factory to be erected near A. S. B. bridge.

Kansas City.—\$125,000 to be expended remodeling and decorating Royal theatre.

Liberty.—Eastern lumber Co. pays \$60 per 1,000 feet for apple tree trunks here.

Sarcoxie.—\$2,000,000 paid strawberry growers here in last ten years.

Columbia.—M. U. Plans \$385,000 bowl modeled after Yale stadium with seating capacity of 40,000.

## POLITICAL POINTERS

One might say that Wood has soap money and chewing gum money; Lowden has pullman parlor car money; Johnson has sewing machine money; Poindexter has cotton money; Hoover has grain and mining money.—Mark Sullivan discussing campaign funds in the New York Evening Post.

The most solemn and important duty the Republican Senate could have performed was that of bringing peace.

The Senate has made its action nothing less than a farce. History will depict these Senators in the character they have deserved—that is, as politicians entrusted with the work of statesmen.—Houston Herald.

Senator Borah has lived in the west long enough to know that most of the destructive political tornadoes come from that quarter. He sees the black clouds gathering and is trying to shoo his colleagues into cyclone cellars.—Cassville Democrat.

Whenever you hear some Republicans glibly assuring his hearers how they are going to carry Missouri this fall, just remind him that was just what he was saying about the Third Missouri District a few weeks ago.—Clinton Democrat.

In elections, whether national, state or municipal, the people are exercising their highest privilege. The right of the ballot carries with it the grave responsibilities. To endorse principles of government, and to select representatives to administer the affairs of nation, state or city, is a privilege that should have careful consideration. The people, with the ballot in their hand are the government in truth. They are responsible for the selection of those who administer the affairs of city, state and nation.—Memphis

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## CIGARETTES

Democrat.  
A. T. Edmonston writes: "The Republican State Committee is worried. The 25,000 negro voters of St. Louis who have kept that city in the Republican column and Missouri doubtful, are demanding 'proper recognition' by having negro policemen, negro members of the city council and school board and proportionate representation on the delegation to the National Convention. They also want a negro as the next nominee for Lieutenant Governor on the 'gop' ticket."

### A DOLLAR WHICH DOESN'T SHRINK

This paper has for the past two years been preaching sermons on thrift and saving—and it is going to go right ahead and keep up the agitation no matter if the gilded youths and careless girls who now earn from \$20 to \$40 a week and never have a dollar left Monday morning, do call it an "old scold." The fact is that there must be saving, if the country is to go ahead. It is true that the dollar will buy but a little more than half what it would buy a few years ago and as a consequence most people are receiving a great many more dollars than they did a few years ago for their goods, services and labor.

One dollar is still a 100 per cent dollar. That is the dollar that is saved and judiciously invested, even in the savings bank. Many people are throwing away dollars that could be made 100 per cent dollars.

The dollar which buys good bonds, which embraces the opportunity offered today to buy Liberty bonds at a discount is worth just as much as it ever was, and a little more.

The wise citizen realizes that and puts away a few of these dollars against the time when they will be needed.

The dollar which is not spent today, when it will buy about half a dollar's worth, will be worth, when the readjustment period is over, nearly twice as much; measured in commodities, as it is today.

Why spend all your dollars when they will buy so little? Isn't it a wiser plan to save some of them until they will buy twice as much? That is about as easy a way to make money as has been suggested by any of the professors of getting rich rapidly, who just now are reaping a considerable harvest.—St. Joseph Observer.

The question, what income a young couple can marry on has probably been discussed since the dawn of history, but never perhaps has it assumed more importance than at present. A Chicago bank announces that no male employee who, without special permission, marries on a salary of less than fifteen hundred dollars a year can remain in its service. The bank officers declare that that is the smallest sum on which two persons can live in Chicago today.

The census of telephones, which was taken in 1917, shows that there are 53,234 separate telephone systems and lines in the United States. They operate 28,827,188 miles of wire, serve 11,716,520 private patrons and 21,175 public exchanges and employ 262,629 persons, of whom 171,119 are women. There are 211 messages a year for every man, woman and child in the country.